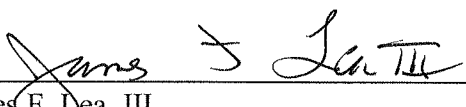
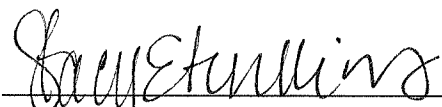


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER						Attorney Docket No: 92030/03-701
Application Serial Number: 10/812,837		Filing Date: 03/30/2004		Examiner: ALVIN J. STEWARD		Art Unit: 3738
Invention: DEVICES AND METHODS FOR FACILITATING CONTROLLED BONE GROWTH OR REPAIR						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	14	MINUS	71	0	\$25	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	12	MINUS	20	0	\$105	\$ 0.00
<u> X </u> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>11/02/2007</u> to and through <u>03/02/2008</u> , comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div> <u> X </u> one month (\$60.00) <u> </u> two months (\$230.00) </div> <div> <u> </u> three months (\$525.00) <u> </u> four months (\$820.00) </div> </div>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$60.00
<u> X </u> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 was previously established. <u> </u> A check in the amount of \$ <u> </u> is attached. <u> X </u> Credit Card Payment is authorized in the amount of \$60.00 <u> X </u> The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account 060540. <u> </u> No additional fee is required.						
<u>March 3, 2008</u> Date		 James F. Dea, III Reg. No. 41143				
I hereby certify that this Correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, OR the correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO official fax No. 571 273 8300, OR the correspondence is being electronically filed via the USPTO's EFS Web on March 3, 2008.						
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action issued November 2, 2007. It is understood that this paper is filed within the deadline set for response, however, please consider this paper to constitute a Petition for a one month extension of time should such be required. If additional extensions of time fees or other fees are required by virtue of the filing of this paper, please consider this a general authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0540 for the same; likewise instructions hold for any refunds or credits.